

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 9th August 2015

September Edition of IRTS Echo Ireland

Calling all clubs and club secretaries and members to submit articles and items for publication to the Editor not later than 15th August. Items for sale must be clearly priced. Please submit material to newsteam /at/ irts.ie clearly marking it for Echo Ireland.

Shannon Basin Radio Club

The Shannon Basin Radio Club will, again this year, make the beautiful Garbally College Grounds Ballinasloe available and would like to invite Clubs and individuals to take part in the SSB Field day Contest 2015 on the 5th & 6th Sept.

Over the past decade the Garbally College Grounds has hosted this very popular contest which is located 12 miles North of Athlone on the outskirts of Ballinasloe. It's location is ideal and easily accessible from all parts of the country and as a bonus the grounds have many tall tree's for supporting all types of antenna installations.

There is a couple of hundred acres available and the location is very suitable for low & high power stations. Over the last decade almost all the winning SSB & CW stations have been very successful in making many contacts in Garbally grounds.

Why not take this opportunity to participate in this year's SSB contest from Garbally College Ballinasloe? Make a weekend of the event and bring the family; the grounds are also suitable for Camper Vans and pitching tents etc.

Normally at around 18:00 on Saturday evening all transmissions stops for about one hour. This permits everyone to participate in the famous Barbeque with light refreshments and sponsored by the Shannon Basin Radio Club.

Clubs and or individuals who wish to attend and require further details are asked to contact the following, Pat EI9HX pat /at/ donros.ie 087-6767707, Anthony EI6GGB ei6ggb /at/ gmail.com 087-9274611, Brian EI8IU brianEI8iu /at/ eircom.net 086-1057325.

The "Enigma" Event -12th to 25th September 2015

The "Enigma" Event consists in exchanging ham radio messages over the air which are encrypted with the Enigma code of WWII memory. This is to commemorate the importance of the ENIGMA Code in the history of communications and encryption. The Event Enigma is one of the "European Researchers' night" events happening on Sept 25th.

An Amateur radio Award (ENIGMA AWARD) is associated with this event. The ham activity of the ENIGMA AWARD will start on September 12th. The full program is available on

www.enigma-reloaded.it

Joe Dempsey VK2EIR

Joe Dempsey from VK land, writes to us to let us know how much he appreciates reading the IRTS news in Sydney on his PC. Joe is a member of the Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club. On Tuesday evenings VK time, the club run their amateur radio net and keep an ear out on ECHOLINK for stations abroad. Many thanks to Joe for contacting us.

SDR closed for 2 weeks.

South Dublin Radio Club will be closed for the first 2 weeks in August.

Calling all SWL's

South Dublin radio club is to restart regular classes in Amateur Radio and studying for your very own callsign. The club is taking reservations through it's website, with the classes taking place weekly from Tuesday 1st September. Already a few places have been taken and we would encourage anyone interested to call into the club or contact us via the website. The classes are run at no cost except for the €5 weekly contribution to tea, coffee and biscuits. No prior experience is necessary and beginners are welcome. Classes start at 8pm on Tuesday 1st September and weekly thereafter. Further details are available on the website: www.southdublinradioclub.ie

Limerick Radio Club

Limerick Radio Club will activate Loop Head Lighthouse for the International

Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend event (IL&LW) on 15th and 16th August. Two HF stations will be set up; one in the Light Keeper's Watch Room and the second one at the entrance to the Lighthouse, where the club will also have a selection of QSL cards, World Map and a rolling Powerpoint presentation of past club activities. Clare Co Council will provide organised tours of the Lighthouse.

This event will provide LRC with an opportunity to introduce members of the public to Amateur Radio and as a result, gain some new club members.

The club's two HF rigs will be used along with the club's pump up mast (SCAM), Cushcraft A4S Yagi, G5RV and a club members 40M dipole.

This year will be the fourth year that LRC has activated Loop Head, designator IE0009; while achieving more than 800 contacts across an average of 62 entities each year on SSB and CW. This year there are currently 395 IL&Ls on the planned activation list. See www.illw.net/

DX News

J11JKW will be operating holiday style as FO/J11JKW from the Marquesas Islands until 13th August. He will be on the island of Nuku Hiva which counts as OC-027 for the Islands on the Air Award. QSL to his home call.

Another holiday style operation is S79DPX operating from the Seychelles. This is IZ2DPX who will be there until 23 August. He is using a multi-band vertical and is active on SSB.

Prefix hunters and lighthouse chasers will be interested in the T46BC operation from the Key Bay of Cadiz lighthouse in Cuba. This will take place from 14th to 17th August. QSL Manager is IZ1GDB.

R7AL will be active as R7AL/0 from the Malinskiye Islands in the Sea of Okhotsk in Asiatic Russia. It is hoped the DXpedition will start around 10 August but this is very much weather dependent. IOTA reference for this one is AS-172.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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